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# CURTIS GARDEN

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## 1950 ASTER AND CHRYSANTHEMUM LIST

We are offering this year for the first time some of our Hardy Asters. (Novae Angliae) which are the results of many years breeding of this strain of Hardy Asters. They have been tested by a number of outstanding Horticulturists and they all felt that they should be introduced to the gardening public.

I sent my first outstanding seedling Hardy Aster to Waltham Field Station for trial in 1940. That fall it was reported "that among the four hundred varieties Curtis Pink was the out standing variety." The Wayside Gardens purchased it and changed the name to "Survivor" and it received an Award of Merit from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society on October 9, 1940.

In the 10 years since then I have grown thousands of Aster seedlings and the following varieties in my estimation are worthy of introduction.

### CULTURE

Of all the species of Hardy Asters the Novae Angliae is the hardiest, being practically indestructible. It does well in any good garden soil and prefers full sun, but can also be grown in partial shade. It's natural height is from 4 to 6 feet, making it an ideal background for a perennial border. It can be successfully held to a height of 2 feet by pinching out the center, when the shoot is 6 inches, then when the branches are about 10 inches long pinch out the tips of them, and another pinching out of the tips when the bush is 18 inches high should give you a nicely rounded bush which will be practically covered with blooms for a month.

Blooming time is August, September.

### HARDY ASTERS

**Martha Haislip** .60

Salmon pink. Brilliant color with no trace of the usual lavender. Profuse bloomer. This is the first Hardy Aster produced in this shade. Flowers stay open at night, therefore an extremely valuable cut flower.

**Arizona Sunset** .60

Salmon. Brilliant as an Arizona Sunset, hence the name.

**Pink Bouquet** .60

A very fine pink with an abundance of large blooms, one branch in itself makes a lovely bouquet of pink daisies.

**Jessie Curtis** .60

Red. Buds are true red, the open flowers, like all red asters is of a red-purple tint. Under artificial light the color is a vivid crimson.

All Asters are strong field grown plants.

### COLLECTIONS

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| 1 each of the 4 varieties | 2.25 |
| 3 each of the 4 varieties | 5.50 |
| 3 of one variety          | 1.50 |

### HARDY ENGLISH CHRYSANTHEMUMS

For the last few years we have been growing and testing, some 50 varieties of the hardy English Mums. We are now offering you some of these varieties, which we found to be the best as to color, habit of growth and time of blooming. All are early to mid-season blooming.

**CRUSADER** .45  
An immense white. Good disbudded. Stiff stems, large blooms.

**FORWARD** .45  
Really a step forward. Disbud and it is fine for exhibition with blooms 6 inches across. Stiff petals of a beautiful silvery pink.

**HENRY SUTCLIFFE** .45  
A deep golden yellow, incurved, that makes good sized blooms when disbudded. September.

**INDIANA** .45  
A rich velvety red, shading darker toward the center. Long stems with reflexing blooms. 5 inches across. September.

**JIM THORPE** .45  
A very fine large crimson. Early flowering. September

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LEDA .45  
Heliotrop pink. Large. Beautiful rolled petals.

PRECOSE SUPREME .45  
A fine purple that blooms very early.

QUAKER MAID .45  
A fine rich dark red of large size. Marked with bright gold.  
This is one of the nicest dark reds. Early

SALMON PRECOSE .45  
Lovely rather low growing salmon pink with large flowers.  
Blooms very early

#### NEW HARDY SPOON CHRYSANTHEMUMS

CHARM SPOON .45  
Opening lovely rhodonite-red, becoming dusty rose.

MAGENTA SPOON .45  
Lovely magenta-rose flowers in profusion. Perfect plant habit.

WHITE SPOON .45  
White with creamy center.

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| 3 of one variety           | \$1.20 |
| 1 each of the 12 varieties | 4.80   |
| 12 of one variety          | 4.20   |

Chrysanthemums are in two and a half inch Vita-Band

Cash with order. All orders for three dollars or more shipped prepaid. Smaller orders add twenty-five cents to cover packing and shipping costs. Asters are shipped from April 1 to May 15. Chrysanthemums shipped from May 1 to June 1.

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